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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Subject: Applicant: Slon-Usakievicz *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/351,057
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For: FLUORESCENT BOMBESIN-LIKE PEPTIDES
Group: 1614
Examiner: Delacroix-Muirheid, C.
Docket No.: PKI-194J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2003 in the subject application. Also enclosed is an Extension of Time within the Second Month, and a check in the amount of \$420.00 for the extension-filing fee. As January 25, 2004 was a Sunday, this Response is timely filed on January 26, 2004.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 26, 2004.

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